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BAPTISM AND THE  
DEATH OF CHRIST

# WHY DID JESUS DIE?

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus died for our sins. But the word *“for”* has many meanings! The original languages actually use different words for clarity. In this lesson, we note five reasons He died...

## He died “because of” our sins (Is.53:5) – min

- The Hebrew word, *“for,”* in Isaiah 53:5 means *“because of”* (Rm.4:25, NKJV)
- This *“places blame”* for His death on **US!** If *we* had not sinned, *He* would not have died!
- Some “quibble” about whether to blame Jews or Romans – *in truth, it was ALL of us!*
- Every time we eat the Lord’s Supper, we should remember: *it was our sins that killed Him!*

## He died “concerning” our sins (1Cor.15:3) – huper

- Sometimes, “huper” means “on behalf of,” but not here (Jesus died on *our* behalf, *not sin’s* behalf!)
- In this context, the word translated *“for”* means, *“pertaining to”* (His death pertained to our sin)
- In other words, it shows the *“relationship”* of His death to ours sins – and it’s a direct relationship!
- So far, we see: our sins necessitated His death; and His death concerns (relates to) our salvation

## He died “so that” sins may be remitted (Mt.26:28) – eis

- This shows the *“purpose”* of His death – it was *“in order to”* bring about our forgiveness
- Relating this to our previous point, this is precisely *how* His death “relates to” our salvation
- Indeed, the Scripture teaches *“without the shedding of blood there is no remission”* (Hb.9:22)
- His death has *the same purpose* as baptism! A baptism/blood linkage! (Ac.2:38; Rm.6:3; Hb.10:22)

## He died “as an offering for sin” (Rm.8:3) – peri

- Literally, it is *“for sin”* here (NKJV says *“on account of sin;”* NASV says, *“as an offering for sin”*)
- This shows the *“nature”* of His death; *it was a sacrifice* (or offering) for sin (OT animals)
- Animals were required, but insufficient; they were “shadows” of the true! (Hb.10:11-14)
- Other passages teaching this (Hb.10:6,8; Hb.9:28, *“apart from a sin-offering;”* 2Cor.5:21)

## He died “instead of” us (Mt.20:28) – anti

- The Son of Man came to *“give His life as a ransom FOR* (instead of) *many”* (vicarious; substitutionary)
- *“Ransom”* is the price paid in exchange for a slave’s freedom – and the word “for” reinforces this!
- **NOT** a substitute **IN** punishment (taking ours), but a substitute **FOR** punishment! (an alternative)
- A *“blood sacrifice”* is offered (and accepted) in lieu of our *punishment* (we must also accept, Jn.3:16)
- This substitution does the same thing as punishment: uphold law, condemn sin, and discourage sin

Each one of these points slightly “enhances” our understanding of Christ’s death in some way.

## THE BLOOD/DEATH OF CHRIST AND WATER BAPTISM

Our previous lesson revealed “why” Jesus died on the cross. The Scriptures teach that there’s *a direct connection* between the blood of Jesus Christ and baptism. This lesson will demonstrate that connection...

### **The phrase, “for the remission of sins,” shows that connection**

- “For this is my blood... which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Mat.26:28)
- “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized... for the remission of sins” (Ac.2:38)
- We’re “baptized” for the very reason that Jesus shed His precious “blood” on the cross!

### **The phrase, “death of His Son,” shows that connection**

- “When we were enemies were reconciled to God through the death of His Son” (Rm.5:10)
- “As many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death” (Rm.6:3)
- Just as Christ reconciled us to God by His death; even so, we are baptized into His death

### **The phrase, “washed from our sins,” shows that connection**

- “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Rev.1:5)
- “Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins” (Ac.22:16)
- Jesus washes away our sins by His blood, but He does so when we are baptized!

### **The phrase, “hearts sprinkled... bodies washed,” shows that connection**

- “Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience” (Hb.10:22)
- Followed by “And our bodies washed with pure waters” (Hb.10:22)
- We are sprinkled by His blood (1Pt.1:2); washed by baptism (Ac.22:16)

### **The phrase, “shall be saved,” shows that connection**

- “Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” (Rm.5:9)
- “Preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mk.16:15-16)
- While there is no doubt that Jesus saves us by His blood, He only does so when we are baptized!

**Putting these two lessons together, we have a powerful picture of *God’s role* in salvation, as well as *our role* in salvation. Christ shed His blood on the cross; and in baptism, we obtain the benefits of that blood. Have you been baptized into Christ Jesus? If not, but would like to be, let us know. We will be glad to help!**

**-Lanny Smith**

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